

# Information for Career Specialists in Anderson, Oconee & Pickens Counties



## *A note from your Regional Career Specialist:*

It was great to see all of you at the Pendleton Regional Career Specialists Training at Tri County on October 27, 2009. We had some wonderful presentations from Upstate AHEC, Military Careers, Connect2Business, From Compliance to Excellence, and ITT Technical Institute.

Sherry Williams' presentation, From Compliance to Excellence, was a powerful presentation. She talked about the importance of being an advocate for yourself. Two important slides she shared with us:

- Despite deep budget cuts we can continue to model good career development programs for our fellow workers, students, parents, and others. Through our commitment to student success, others will be inspired to look past obstacles and to plan for the future. In order to be viewed as professionals by others we must model ethics, principles, inclusion, authenticity and appreciation
- Career Specialists must create their own "personal branding"  
Do people come to you for solutions or are you the problem?  
Do people see your opinion as valuable?  
Is your commitment to your position authentic?  
Do you model integrity, character and ethics?  
Are you on time for meetings?  
Do you stay for the meeting, listen, and contribute?  
Do you act in a professional manner with coworkers, students, businesses, and parents?  
Do you possess leadership traits?

For us to be successful at our jobs, we must brand ourselves. Our words and actions must be consistent. Thank you for all you do.

*Robbie Tweito*

*Westside High School*, in Anderson District 5, has just moved into a brand new guidance wing. All of the counselors/career specialists have offices and a conference room is available. The career lab is in the guidance wing and has computers ready for students to complete career assessments, do college searches, write resumes, etc. The facility is beautiful!

The career specialist at Westside High School is Toni Evans. She is also one of the guidance counselors.



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*The Oconee County School District* had two days of professional development on October 16 and 19. Wayne Frady is the Coordinator of the Business, Industry, Education Program. The career specialists in Oconee County are Tammy Brock, Pamela Edgar-Crain, Tracy Statham, Melissa Rosier, Nancy Harper, Charlotte Sheriff, and Bennie Cunningham.

On October 16, the middle and high school employees went to the **Hamilton Career Center**. All of the employees were in one session with Mike Pearson, the director of the Hamilton Career Center. Then the employees visited three different classroom areas in the career center. About 260 high school teachers attended in the morning and 190 middle school teachers attended in the afternoon.

All elementary school employees participated in "Educator in Business & Industry Day" on October 19. 426 elementary school employees were placed in 30 businesses throughout Oconee County. Tom Conley, at Oconee Medical, took ten teachers on a tour through the new patient tower at the hospital and talked with them about the importance of math and science classes. John Powell of Powell Real Estate took eight teachers on a boat tour of homes on Lake Hartwell. Other teachers toured with Square D, Lift-Tek Mast, Oconee City Auditor's office, Economic Development office, Blue Ridge Electric, Duke Energy, and others. Duke Energy took 52 teachers to the Bad Creek Hydro plant and drove a bus 600 feet below the surface to view how the pump storage facility operates. They were also able to see a beautiful view of Lake Jocassee from the dam.

This was a wonderful opportunity for educators to be in the business/industry world. Oconee County has participated in this successful program for five years.



## List of Career Specialists by School District:

### Anderson School District 1

Jill Cannon—Palmetto High  
 Jeff Boozer—Palmetto High  
 Ginger Bishop—Palmetto Middle  
 Lynn Walker—Palmetto Middle  
 LeAnn Sargent—Palmetto Middle  
 Ellen Olson—Powdersville Middle  
 Elaine Prarat—Wren High  
 Anna Farr—Wren High  
 Erin Wimberly—Wren Middle

### Anderson School District 2

Kris Gilmer—BHP High  
 Gale Clinkscales—Belton Middle  
 Demika Patterson—Honea Path Middle

### Anderson School District 3

Tracy Austin—Crescent High  
 Michelle Parnell—Starr-Iva Middle

### Anderson School District 4

Teresa Horton—Pendleton High  
 Phil Young—Pendleton High  
 Roxanne Hibbs—Pendleton High  
 Marlyn Duncan—Riverside Middle  
 Teresa Evans—Riverside Middle

### Anderson School District 5

Malura Shady—Lakeside Middle  
 Kristeen Slice—McCants Middle  
 Quaninette Latimer—Southwood Middle  
 Robin Cathey—TL Hanna  
 Toni Evans—Westside High

### Oconee County

Tammy Brock—Seneca Middle  
 Pamela Edgar-Crain—Seneca High  
 Tracy Statham—Tamassee Salem  
 Melissa Rosier—Walhalla Middle  
 Nancy Harper—Walhalla High  
 Charlotte Sheriff—West-Oak Middle  
 Bennie Cunningham—West-Oak High

### Pickens County

Jan Sparks—BJS Career Center  
 David Rhyne—Daniel High  
 Traci Carter—Daniel High  
 Mary Beth Smith—Daniel High  
 Paula Doolittle—Edwards Middle  
 Kelly Finnegan—Edwards Middle  
 Maria Thomas—Edwards Middle  
 Kathy Porter—Easley High  
 Brent Snipes—Easley High  
 Chris Martin—Easley High  
 Amy Moore—Easley High  
 Lauren Blackston—Easley High  
 Martha Baker—Gettys Middle  
 Phyllis Adkins—Gettys Middle  
 Binta Osbey—Gettys Middle  
 Megan Giordani—Gettys Middle  
 Ansley Cudd—Pickens High  
 Barbara Gutwein—Pickens High  
 Bethany Guiliano—Pickens High  
 Larry Ayers—Pickens High  
 Lynne Romanczuk—Pickens Middle  
 Lydia Trotter—Pickens Middle  
 Courtney Lilliston—Pickens Middle  
 Mary Batson—Pickens Middle  
 Karen West—Simpson Alternative  
 Jessica Reeves—Dacusville Middle  
 Deborah Dickerson—Dacusville  
 Middle & Liberty Middle  
 Angie Burgess—Liberty High  
 Cherie Latham—Liberty High  
 Katrena Wilkie—Liberty High  
 Heather McKenzie—Liberty Middle  
 Joni Howard—Liberty Middle